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NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

EAF NO.: ENV-2004-7171 EIR

PROJECT NAME: The Buckley School Campus Enhancement Plan

PROJECT ADDRESS: 3900 Stansbury Avenue

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Sherman Oaks-Toluca Lake-Studio City-Cahuenga Pass

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5

COMMENTS DUE DATE: February 11, 2005

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Buckley School proposes to enhance its existing campus facilities to address the needs of existing and future school programs. The Campus Enhancement Plan includes vehicular circulation and queuing improvements, increased parking within a new semi-subterranean parking facility, the demolition of eleven buildings, construction of seven new/replacement buildings, additions to and renovation of two existing buildings, and the renovation of four other buildings. When accounting for 35,550 square feet of building area to be removed, development of these project components would add approximately 53,750 square feet of net new building area to the existing 99,150 square feet of building area currently on-site, resulting in a total building area of approximately 152,900 square feet upon completion of the project's three phases. The project would provide a total of 306 on-site parking spaces, which include approximately 287 parking spaces provided in the new semi-subterranean parking facility and 28 surface parking spaces throughout the campus. The project is estimated to be built during a seven to ten year period.

Project implementation would require a new Conditional Use Permit, which would allow for a phased increase in student enrollment from 750 to 830 and would also modify various operating conditions. The project would also require various other approvals, potentially including, but not limited to, a Specific Plan Exception, a Community Plan (General Plan) Amendment, a Zone Change, and a Preliminary Parcel Map including Oak Tree removal and Haul Route approval.

As part of the Campus Enhancement Plan, it is proposed that an easement for approximately 4.85 acres of Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC) land be granted to the Buckley School, in part, to accommodate a proposed outdoor swimming pool. In turn, an easement over 12.6 acres of undeveloped, non-adjacent land owned by the School would be granted to the SMMC for open space for recreational and habitat restoration purposes.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources (Paleontological Resources), Geology and Soils, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, and Transportation/Traffic.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING DATE AND LOCATION: The public scoping meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2005, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Sherman Oaks Public Library. (Prior to the scoping meeting, the applicant will hold a community open house for the project, at the same location from 4 pm to 6 pm. Separate notice will be sent by the applicant with details regarding the open house) The scoping meeting will provide information regarding the proposed project's environmental implications and the scope of analysis to be contained in the EIR. Public comments will be accepted at the scoping meeting. The Department of City Planning encourages all interested individuals and organizations to attend this meeting.

Date:

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Time:

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Locations:

Sherman Oaks Public Library

14245 Moorpark Avenue Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

The enclosed materials reflect the scope of the proposed project, which is located in an area of interest to you and/or the organization you represent. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared and the Environmental Review Section welcomes all comments regarding potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project. All comments will be considered in the preparation of the EIR. Written comments must be submitted to this office by February 11, 2005.

Please direct your responses to:

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